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FOR S/NM; MANILA PASS DEA; FROM NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: WAYNE DREW, DEA, LANGUAGE TRAINING

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1. THE DEA TOKYO DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN ONE AGENT UNDER COMPLEMENT SINCE DECEMBER 19, 1975 WHEN S/A WALLACE WAS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY. IN ADDITION, SINCE THE CLOSURE OF THE DEA OFFICE IN NAHA IN OCTOBER 1976, THE TOKYO DISTRICT OFFICE HAS HAD TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERIODIC VISITS TO THAT AREA, WHICH HAS BEEN PRIMARY FOCUS OF DRUG TRAFFIC INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS. MOREOVER, OVER THE PAST YEAR, AS TOKYO HAS INCREASED IN IMPORTANCE AS A TRANSIT POINT FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING AND AS THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED ITS OWN ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES BOTH AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING AND DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE, THE CASE WORK LOAD (BOTH LOCALLY GENERATED AND IN RESPONSE TO TASKING BY DEA OFFICES IN THE US) HAS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. WITH MANPOWER RESOURCES ALREADY STRAINED, THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE, IN MY JUDGEMENT, NOT ONLY JEO-
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PARDIZED THE ABILITY OF THE DEA TOKYO DISTRICT OFFICE TO SATISFACTORILY DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES BUT HAVE PLACED AN UNREASONABLE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL BURDEN ON THE SAIC AND HIS SINGLE S/A, DESPITE THEIR UNREMITTING WILLINGNESS TO WORK LONG HOURS OF OVERTIME TO KEEP REASONABLY CURRENT.

2. IT WAS ON THIS BASIS THAT I READILY AGREED TO SAIC DELANEY'S REQUEST, WHICH I UNDERSTOOD WAS ENDORSED BY THE DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR, THAT I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAIVE THE LANGUAGE TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR S/A DREW. DEA, OF COURSE, IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO WEIGH THE URGENCY OF S/A DREW'S EARLY ARRIVAL ON DUTY HERE AGAINST THE ADVANTAGES OF HIS COMPLETING THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED LANGUAGE TRAINING. FOR MY PART, ALTHOUGH I FULLY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE VALUE OF WHAT DREW ALREADY HAS RECEIVED WOULD BE DIMINISHED BY CUTTING SHORT HIS TRAINING, I WOULD CONSIDER OVER-RIDING THE NEED TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO HARD-PRESSED OFFICERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, UNLESS DEA IS PREPARED TO REDUCE THE TASKING OF THE TOKYO DISTRICT OFFICE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS S/A DREW ARRIVES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PLANNED SCHEDULE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING.

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